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**Bureau:**              **Field Services Bureau**

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**Phone:**                **815-987-5744**

**Incident:**              **Youth Police Academy Graduation**

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## MESSAGE

The Rockford Police Department is pleased to announce the graduation of 32 students from the Youth Police Academy. A graduation ceremony will be held at 12:00 PM Friday July 20, 2012 at Patriots Gateway Community Center, 615 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Rockford Police Department hosted the Youth Police Academy from July 17<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup>, targeting children ages 13 – 17 years old.

The Youth Academies are made possible through a grant from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. The Rockford Police Department partner's with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, Rockford Park District and Winnebago County Juvenile Probation Department in putting on the academies.

The academy was formed to provide a fun and educational view of police work while providing teenagers with an opportunity to learn about a possible future vocation in a summer day camp setting. The kids learn about what police do and have a structured format to explore a variety of enrichment activities. The academy allows officers and students to interact with each other in a positive environment.

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